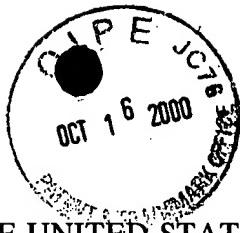


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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a THREE-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 14, 2000, said period of response being extended from July 14, 2000 to October 14, 2000. October 14, 2000 falls on a Saturday, making our response due on Monday, October 16, 2000.

Our check in the amount of \$890.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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